In the Specification

[0026] Fig. 9 is Figures 9(a)-9(d) are a schematic plan view showing a series of operations in a first half of the article transfer method using the self-propelled carriage.

[0027] Fig. 10 is Figures 10(a)-10(d) are a schematic plan view showing a series of operations in a latter half of the article transfer method using the self-propelled carriage.

[0028] Fig. 11 is Figures 11(a)-11(d) are a schematic plan view showing a series of operations in a first half of the article transfer method using the self-propelled carriage according to a second embodiment of the present invention; and

[0029] Fig. 12 is Figures 12(a)-12(d) are a schematic plan view showing a series of operations in a latter half of the article transfer method using the self-propelled carriage.